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# Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DAVIS ET AL.

Examiner

Paul W. Schlie

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## All Participants:

(1) Paul W. Schlie (USPTO).

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## Status of Application: pending

(3) David W. Lynch (Applicant's Attorney).

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Date of Interview: 5 June 2007

Time: ~ 1:00pm

## Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

## Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

*U.S.C. 103 & ODP over 10/777,531*

Claims discussed:

39-53

Prior art documents discussed:

*Krum et al.*

## Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet*

## Part III.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: It was agreed that Krum et al, nor other prior art of record clearly taught a multi-level hierarchically configured mass storage system being further limited by a specific linear configuration of sub storage elements proposed to be presented in a forth coming amendment, and was further agreed that such a set of claims would be reasonably considered obvious in view of similarly amended claims presented for co-pending application 10/777,531; thereby the examiner will delay response to the pending application until after timely receipt of the proposed further amended claims and corresponding anticipated TD..